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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES *NEXT GEN TV ORDER* PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER

GN Docket No. 16-142

On November 20, 2017, the Commission released the *Next Gen TV Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Next Gen TV Order and Next Gen TV Further Notice)*.¹ The *Next Gen TV Order* authorizes television broadcasters to use the “Next Generation” broadcast television transmission standard on a voluntary, market-driven basis. By this Public Notice, we announce that today the Federal Register published a summary of the *Next Gen TV Order*.²

The Commission stated that the *Next Gen TV Order* and rules would become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, except for rule sections 73.3801, 73.6029, and 74.782, which contain new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and which shall become effective after the Commission publishes a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing OMB approval and the effective date of these rules.³ Accordingly, the rules adopted in the *Next Gen TV* will take effect on March 5, 2018, except for rule sections 73.3801, 73.6029, and 74.782, which require OMB approval.⁴ The Media Bureau will issue a Public Notice announcing when these rules will take effect.

The Federal Register published a summary of the *Next Gen TV Further Notice* on December 20, 2017.⁵ As announced in a prior public notice, comments are due February 20, 2018, and reply comments are due March 20, 2018.

¹ *Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 9930 (2017) (*Next Gen TV Order and Further Notice*). The document is available on the Commission’s website at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-17-158A1.pdf. The document is also available electronically via the Commission’s Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/ (by FCC document number, FCC 17-158) or via the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/> (by docket number, GN Docket No. 16-142).

² *Next Gen TV Order*, Final Rules, 83 Fed. Reg. 4998 (Feb. 2, 2018). See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/02/02/2018-01473/authorizing-permissive-use-of-the-next-generation-broadcast-television-standard>.

³ *Next Gen TV Order and Further Notice* at 9996-97, ¶ 142-43.

⁴ The new rules contain compliance deadlines for their requirements; see *supra* notes 2 and 3.

⁵ Media Bureau Announces Comment Dates for *Next Generation Television Further Notice*, GN Docket No. 16-142, Public Notice, DA 17-1236, (rel. Dec. 21, 2017); *Next Gen TV Further Notice*, Proposed Rules, 82 Fed. Reg. 60350 (Dec. 20, 2017). See <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-20/pdf/2017-27433.pdf>.

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